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REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated March 10, 2004. Claims 1-6 and 8 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-6 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hudetz et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,199,048 and in view of *Call*, U.S. Patent No. 6,154,738.

U.S. Patent No. 6,154,738 (the '738 patent) was issued on November 28, 2000 and was filed on May 21, 1999. The related U.S. application data indicates that this U.S. Patent No. 6,154,738 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/049,426, filed March 27, 1998 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,913,210 (the '210 patent). The '210 patent is a patent including two sheets of drawings, relating to two figures, Figs. 1 and 2. Figures 1 and 2 in the '210 patent are identical to those in the '738 patent. Although Applicants have not done a direct comparison of the specification of both of the patents, it appears that the '738 patent added material beginning in Col. 15, line 25, related to the heading "Using HTTP Relocation to Redirect Product Information Request Messages," wherein all of the Examiner's comments directed toward the redirection aspect of the '738 patent are enclosed. Therefore, the '738 patent cannot anticipate any aspects of the claims prior to the filing date of May 21, 1999 if such elements are supported by an earlier priority date.

The priority date of the current application refers back to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,471 and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,530, both filed on September 11, 1998, well before the filing date of the '738 patent. All of the elements of Claim 1 in the current application are supported by the specification in the priority documents filed on September 11, 1998. Therefore, Applicants contend that the '738 *Call* reference does not constitute prior art in the present application and, therefore, it is improper to combine *Call* with *Hudetz*. Therefore, the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection with respect to the combination of *Hudetz* and *Call* is believed to be improper and the withdrawal of such is respectfully requested. Applicants also note that no discussion of the '738 patent has been made by Applicants, as it is believed not to be necessary and, therefore, Applicants take no position with

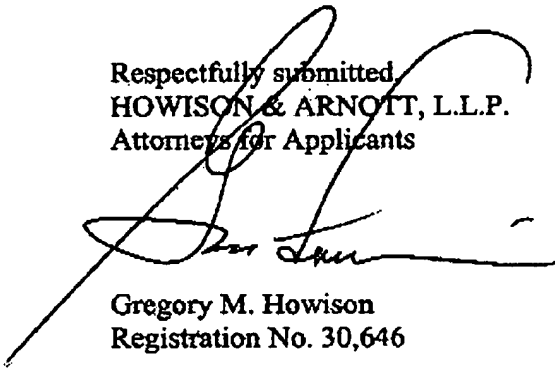
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respect to whether the Examiner's application thereof is correct or incorrect.

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/PHLY-24,745 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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